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**Didn't Bug  
Vets, Claims  
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PENSACOLA (Fla.)--  
(AP)—John N. Mitchell says he was not aware of any plans by employes of the Committee to Re-elect the President to conduct electronic surveillance against the Vietnam Veterans Against the War.

"I have no recollection of any electronic surveillance relating to such people," the former U.S. attorney general and manager of the Nixon campaign testified yesterday in U.S. District Court.

Mitchell's testimony came during a pre-trial hearing for seven VVAW members and a supporter charged with conspiracy to disrupt the 1972 Republican National Convention with bombs and bullets.

Subpenaed by defense attorneys, Mitchell was on the witness stand for an hour, but he said little.

Judge Winston Arnow said he only would allow questions centering on a defense allegation that Mitchell knew about wiretaps against the VVAW.

He overruled 30 questions with which the defense attempted to link the alleged VVAW spying with the re-election committee and persons involved in the bugging and break-in at Democratic national headquarters in Washington's Watergate complex.